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SEMICONDUCTOR SURFACES**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 12, cancel claims 13, and 17-20, and add new claims 21-23, as shown on the attached claim sheets which include all pending claims.

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